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PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on September 3, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a six count indictment against RODOLFO MARQUEZ-RUIZ, also known as Roldolfo Ruiz-Rios, (D.O.B. 12-30-57), of Surprise, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that, on August 1, 2002, Marquez-Ruiz produced or counterfeited false identification documents, namely four Social Security Cards, and transferred or sold those documents to others knowing they were counterfeit and had been made without lawful authority. The indictment also alleges that on August 6, 2002, he possessed document-making implements, including 13 blank counterfeit Social Security Cards and 11 blank counterfeit Resident Alien Cards, Immigration and Naturalization Service documents. The defendant has been detained following his arrest on August 6, 2002, based on a complaint filed with the District Court.

The federal indictment charges Marquez-Ruiz with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1028 (a)(1), (2), and (5), and Title 42, United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(C).

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A conviction for 18 U.S.C. 1028(a)(1), (2), and (5) carries a maximum penalty of 15 year(s), a \$250,000 fine or both, and forfeiture of any proceeds or instrumentalities used to commit the offense. A conviction for 42 U.S.C. § 408(a)(7)(C) carries a maximum penalty of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration and the Surprise Police Department.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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